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APPLICANT: Hongbing GAN et al

TITLE: NOISE SUPPRESSION IN LIGHTWAVE
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The Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

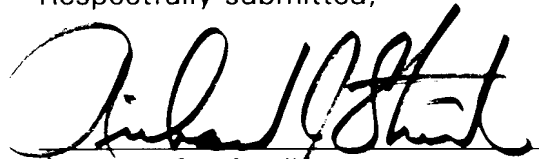
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the clean version of claim page 9 attached herewith in place of original claim page 9. A marked version of claim page 9 is also attached herewith indicating the changes made therein.

REMARKS

The aforesaid amendments have been made to place the claims in better condition for examination under U.S. rules of practice.

Respectfully submitted,



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